Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 10 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021 at 04:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for details of cloud breaks on Tuesday. High for unsettled weather for the rest of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 09 Mar 2021: Rather cloudy, chance of a little light rain at first. Wet and windy from mid-afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Mist	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
40%	20%	10%	30%	70%	>95%

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Weather: Extensive low cloud and some patchy light rain, or higher summit snow, at first. Becoming dry mid-morning with low cloud mostly clearing from the west through the morning to allow some hazy sunshine. Low cloud, summit severe gales and wet weather will return from the west from mid-afternoon onwards, although the east of the area may see only a little rain. Some wet snow possible on the very highest tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Widely poor at first in cloud down to 300 metres. This cloud mostly lifting off summits but some patchy cloud down to 500 metres may linger across the western slopes of the Cuillins. Widespread low cloud between 400 and 600 metres returning from the southwest from mid-afternoon onwards leading to navigational issues.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	30/34 S	35/41 S	41/47 S	45/54 S	57/70 S	64/79 S	47/58 SW
900	29/33 S	33/39 S	37/44 S	41/50 S	53/66 S	60/75 S	44/56 SW
600	20/25 S	26/32 SW	25/32 S	29/38 S	38/50 S	44/59 S	32/45 SW
300	5/22 S	6/27 SW	4/28 S	8/37 S	11/49 S	14/57 S	11/43 SW
Glen	10/21 S	10/22 SW	15/30 S	17/35 S	22/45 S	26/53 S	21/41 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-6	1/-7	0/-9	0/-9	0/-10	0/-11	-1/-11
900	2/-5	2/-6	1/-7	1/-8	1/-8	1/-9	-0/-9
600	4/-1	4/-2	3/-3	3/-3	3/-4	3/-5	2/-6
300	5/4	6/3	6/5	6/4	6/2	6/2	4/1
Glen	7/4	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/4	8/3	6/1
Freezing Level*	1300m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1100m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Higher summit gales developing through the afternoon with storm force winds expected by evening.

Forecast for Wednesday 10 Mar 2021
Weather: Chance of a few snow showers in the morning in the north, otherwise mainly dry and bright. Thickening cloud will bring widespread rain, preceded by snow above 800 metres, from the southwest through the afternoon. Turning drier and somewhat clearer after dark, but still with some outbreaks of rain, and snow above 800 metres.

Maximum wind: Southerly gales on summits with gusts of 50 to 70 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%. Best chance in the morning.

Visibility: Good in the morning, but becoming poor in rain and extensive low cloud between 500 and 800 metres in the afternoon, although this breaking up in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 600 metres, rising above summits in the afternoon, dropping back to 1000 metres in the evening

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